

### ENDOWMENT FUND OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BY MEMBERS IS STARTED

**Bequest Forms Are Printed in Each Issue of "California and Western Medicine."**—CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on page 145 of the March, 1936 issue, and page 460 of the June number of the same year, called attention to some bequest forms which it stated would be printed thereafter in each issue of the Official Journal,\* and mentioned that the nonprofit corporation, "Trustees of the California Medical Association," had been brought into existence for the express purpose, in part, of receiving and acting as custodian of bequests designed to promote the scientific, educational and hospital purposes of the California Medical Association. For the information of members, the articles of incorporation of this nonprofit corporation were printed on page 541 of the June, 1936, issue. The above references are given in order that readers who failed to note the articles may have opportunity to consider their content and the important policies therein outlined.

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**Friends and Patients of Members Can Make Bequests.**—Among the members of the California Medical Association, and certainly among the thousands of friends and patients of members, are many persons who are possessed of material resources, sufficient to permit them to contemplate bequests, in greater or less amounts, that could continue on through the years, to serve purposes in which the donors had special interest, and that at the same time, would be memorial monuments of more enduring and useful nature than those shaped of stone or bronze.

The bequest forms printed in each issue of the Official Journal are inserted as reminders to members, both for themselves and their friends, and are given to make easy, and confidential, the drafting of a bequest section or codicil in a will, for such amount or type as a donor might wish and be able to make.

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**Donations by Members to the General Membership Endowment Fund.**—In the Association Activities department of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, Secretary Warnshuis recently suggested the beginning of what might be called a General Membership Endowment Fund,† to which members could contribute in sums of one hundred dollars, in manner somewhat as they would pay an initiation fee to a club, where membership was desired and appreciated. This method is simpler, even, than making a bequest through provision in a will, and is one that each and every member could institute, at such time as the spirit was willing, and the pocket-book resources were available.

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**Ex-President Robert A. Peers of Colfax Becomes the First Donor.**—It is most gratifying to be able to record in this issue, on page 199, that

\* In this month's issue, see advertising page 30.

† See CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE August, 1937, pages 117 and 118.

a beginning in this General Membership Endowment Fund (which would be under the custodianship of the "Trustees of the California Medical Association") has been made through the donation by Ex-President Robert A. Peers of Colfax, whose letter of transmittal is also given place.

May the hope he expressed, that other members of the California Medical Association will feel the urge to also become members or fellows of this group, so that, from month to month, in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, it may be possible to print the names of members who have joined in this effort to promote the interests of scientific medicine in California? Our State Association acts as the guardian and protector of our individual and collective professional interests, and can give returns in efficient service to each and all of us, in proportion as we, ourselves, support it and give it the means necessary, that it must have, if its work is to be carried on in fullest measure. If you have a 100-dollar balance that is not working to best advantage in other lines, why not transfer its custodianship for all time to come to the California Medical Association, an organization in which each and every member may take real pride?

### VALUE OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATIONS

**Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy Have Closely Allied Interests.**—Editorial comment was made in last month's CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE on the important places which members of the three professions associated in healing-art work—medicine, dentistry and pharmacy—hold among the citizenry of our State, and the good that could be derived from closer contacts if consistent representation by fraternal delegates at annual sessions of the state organizations of the three professions were maintained; with the additional suggestion that, in the years when the Legislature convened, the legislative committees of the three professions might arrange to hold one or more joint meetings, for consideration of problems of mutual interest.

The thoughts, to which expression was thus given, has brought to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE a letter from Professor Chauncey D. Leake of the Department of Pharmacology of the University of California—printed in the Letters Department, on page 212—in which he voices his support of the procedures advocated.

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**Coöperative Affiliations Should Be Instituted.**—Much has been written concerning the need of coöperative effort and the utilization of all legitimate means that can aid in bringing about a stronger front against those who, for reasons best known to themselves, would break down public health and medical service advancement in order to try out illy conceived and probably impracticable experiments with the system of healing art practice, under which, in the United States, such